

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A note [[(1,17)]] such as a banknote or security note, ~~said note~~ (1,17) the note comprising a substrate having a zone of reduced thickness [[(2,7,18)]] forming a transparent window in ~~said substrate~~, ~~characterised in that~~ the substrate, wherein the note further comprises reinforcing means (3,4,8,10,11,14,19,20,22) to increase the resistance of [[said]] zone.

2. (currently amended) A note as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ said wherein the substrate is made of a paper substrate.

3. (currently amended) A note as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ said 1, wherein the reinforcing means comprise at least a strip of material (3,8,10,14,19) covering at least [[said]] the zone of reduced thickness on at least one side of [[said]] the substrate.

4. (currently amended) A note as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ said wherein the strip of material is a transparent polymer material.

5. (currently amended) A note as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ said , wherein the reinforcing means comprise a patch (4,11,20,22) of material covering at least [[said]] the zone of reduced thickness, [[said]] the patch being formed by a partially demetallized OVD patch placed on at least one side of [[said]] the note.

6. (currently amended) A note as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised in that~~ said claim 1, wherein the reinforcing means further comprise an additional security feature [[(9,15,23)]].

7. (currently amended) A note as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised in that~~ said claim 1, wherein the reinforcing means [[(9,15,23)]] are placed on both sides of [[said]] the note.

8. (currently amended) A note as claimed in ~~one of claims 3 to 7, characterised in that said claim 3, wherein the reinforcing means comprise a strip [[(14)]] on one side of [[said]] the substrate and a patch [[(11)]] on the other side of [[said]] the substrate.~~

9. (currently amended) A sheet of substrate (16) ~~characterised by further comprising a plurality of notes as defined in any of claims 1 to 8 claim 1.~~

10. (currently amended) ~~Process A process~~ for producing notes, such as banknotes or security notes, [[said]] ~~the~~ notes comprising a substrate having a zone of reduced thickness forming a transparent window in [[said]] ~~the~~ substrate, [[said]] ~~the~~ process being characterised by comprising the step of covering at least [[said]] ~~the~~ zone on at least one side of [[said]] ~~the~~ substrate with reinforcing means.

11. (currently amended) ~~Process A process~~ according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that wherein it comprises the step of covering [[said]] ~~the~~ zone with reinforcing means on both sides of [[said]] ~~the~~ substrate.~~

12. (currently amended) ~~Process A process~~ according to claim 10, ~~wherein the 11, characterised in that said~~ reinforcing means comprise at least a strip or a patch of material.

13. (currently amended) ~~Process A process~~ according to ~~one of claims 10 to 12, characterised in that claim 10, wherein~~ it further comprises the step of providing said reinforcing means with an additional security feature.